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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 16420

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR

SUBJECT: GINZBURG SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN LABOR CAMP

1. DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN TASS AND WESTERN WIRE

REPORTS THAT LATE AFTERNOON JULY 13 ALEKSANDR

GINZBURG WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN SPECIAL

REGIME LABOR CAMP.

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2. EMBOFF IN KALUGA REPORTS THAT JUDGE, WHO AGREED  
TO MEET WITH WESTERN JOURNALISTS SHORTLY AFTER  
TRIAL HAD CONCLUDED, TOLD THE JOURNALISTS THAT EXILE  
WAS NOT ADDED TO GINZBURG'S SENTENCE BECAUSE GINZBURG  
HAD COOPERATED WITH AUTHORITIES REGARDING INVESTIGATION  
OF ORLOV AND SHCHARANSKIY CASES.

3. SCENE OUTSIDE COURTROOM BECAME UGLY AS GINZBURG'S MOTHER BROUGHT NEWS OF SENTENCE TO GINZBURG'S WIFE, WHO WAS WAITING OUTSIDE COURTROOM WITH SOME 30-40 SYMPATHIZERS. WIFE REQUESTED TO BE ADMITTED TO COURTROOM, AND SAKHAROV STARTED A CHANT "LET HER IN." BY THIS TIME THE NUMBER OF MILITIA AND PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN OUTSIDE HAD GROWN TO SOME 50, AND A NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ALSO WERE PRESENT. ANGRY WORDS WERE EXCHANGED BETWEEN SUPPORTERS AND THE OTHERS: ONE MAN SHOUTED THAT THE SUPPORTERS SHOULD BE SHOT, INSULTS WERE SHOUTED AT MRS. SAKHAROV, SOMEONE SHOUTED THAT JEWS SHOULD SUPPORT PALESTINIANS, SOMEONE ELSE YELLED THAT GINZBURG SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN A STIFFER SENTENCE.

4. SEVERAL TRUCKS PULLED AWAY FROM THE COURTHOUSE, AND GINZBURG SUPPORTERS THREW FLOWERS IN FRONT AND ON TOP OF THE TRUCK THEY THOUGHT WAS TRANSPORTING GINZBURG. MRS. GINZBURG AND THE SYMPATHIZERS THEN LEFT THE COURTHOUSE, TO THE HOOTS AND JEERS OF THE "LOCAL RESIDENTS." MATLOCK

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